

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, just so that there is no confusion, and I understand that Senator Beutler is carrying the bill for Senator Day. But the area of the bill that I am amending reads, "The Director of Social Services shall issue a report to the Legislature on or before January 31st of each year which discloses the number of professional and occupational licenses which were revoked as a result of the License Revocation Act for the prior year." What I am adding is, after "year", "and the Director shall also report on the annual cost to administer the License Revocation Act." So the idea for the report was not mine. The idea for the report and the increase in the bureaucracy and paperwork is in 592, which is my point. What I am trying to do, simply, is say if we add this sentence to this report that's supposed to come to the Legislature by January 31st of every year, through the Department of... or the Director of Social Services, that will tell us how many licenses, professional and occupational, you must remember we are not just talking about drivers' licenses here, which are in many cases professional licenses also, but also professional licenses for doctors, lawyers, and everybody else who has a professional license. And they are going to give us that report that tells us how many they've revoked as a result of this act. In addition to that, I would like them to tell us what the cost has been for this act, because if we need to know how many licenses have been revoked, I would say another pertinent piece of information would be to know how much money we've spent enacting this piece of legislation. And certainly, in my opinion, it's something that I try to look at and that I have found very lacking was that cost-effectiveness of a lot of our legislation that we do here, and a lot of the requirements that we pass on to our departments and then that get much more complicated in rules and regulations and costs increase. So if we are trying to accomplish two things, one would be we're not just revoking these licenses just to scare people. What you're hoping to do is to revoke these licenses or the threat of the revocation would be to increase the child support payment. And right now, according to your own chart, we stand at 20 percent, the top being 38 percent. I'd like to see if we actually do increase the child support payments in the state of Nebraska. And I just don't want to know how many licenses you've pulled. I want to know if we've increased, if the purpose of the bill is to increase, if this is your sincere purpose, to increase child support payments, why aren't we asking if we've increased child support payments? That's what my amendment would do. Not just